

Ensuring Excellence in Mental Health Act

Introduced by U.S. Representatives Matsui, Tonko, Craig, Bucshon, and Molinaro



What does this bill do?

- ▶ provides a *permanent authorization* of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model
- ▶ allows *all states* to incorporate this proven model into their behavioral health care systems

What is a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC)?



serves every patient regardless of the ability to pay



24/7/365 care



comprehensive, integrated behavioral health care

Did you know?

- ↓ CCBHC patients have a **72% lower chance of hospitalization** than non-CCBHC patients
- ↓ CCBHC patients also experience a **40.7% reduction in homelessness** and **60.3% reduction in jail time**
- ↑ CCBHC status on average allows clinics to serve **23% more patients**

Timeline: Major CCBHC Legislation

Excellence in Mental Health Act of 2024 is passed, establishing CCBHC program for the **first 8 states**

Ensuring Excellence in Mental Health Act is introduced to make the CCBHC model a **permanent option for all states**

2014

2020

2022

2024

Excellence in Mental Health and Addiction Act is passed, expanding the CCBHC program **nationwide**